

MODIFICATION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1642

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order governing consideration of S. 1642 be modified to provide that at the time available under the order, 2 hours be under the control of the managers, with the time equally divided and controlled; that time on first-degree amendments be limited to 30 minutes each, equally divided and controlled; that relevant second-degree amendments be in order and must be relevant to the amendment to which offered, and that an additional time of 15 minutes be available for any second-degree amendments which may be offered, equally divided and controlled; that upon the use or yielding back of all the time and the disposition of all amendments, the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill, with no further amendments in order after all time is expired, with the other provisions of the previous order remaining in effect.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL WAYNE DOWNING

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I would like to mark the passing of an American hero. Retired Four-Star GEN Wayne Downing, a native of Peoria, IL, passed away on Wednesday.

General Downing personified the ideal that was ingrained into him and all cadets at West Point: "Duty, Honor, Country."

He spent most of his adult life wearing his country's uniform and continued to answer the call to serve even after retirement.

When General Downing retired after 34 years of military service in 1996, he was one of the country's leaders on terrorism.

After three decades as an Army Ranger, he had spent more time developing and implementing anti-terrorist and insurgent tactics than just about any man alive.

His devotion to service came early in his life.

Growing up in Peoria, his mother would read to him news reports from the battlefields of Europe where his father, PFC Francis Downing, was part of the 9th Armored Division, leading the American charge into Nazi Germany.

Private First Class Downing was killed in March 1945 in one of the final engagements of World War II.

As he grew up fatherless, Wayne would spend hours listening to the

tales of his neighbor, a wounded combat veteran of the 101st Airborne division. It was while listening to those stories that he decided what he was going to do with his life.

He began his career in the Army as a junior officer in Vietnam, where he served two tours of duty and earned two Silver Stars, the Soldiers Medal, the Bronze Star with Valor and five oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart.

In 1974, he was hand-picked by his commander to help reform the famed Army Rangers.

During Operation Desert Storm in 1991, he commanded 1,200 U.S. Special Forces.

By the time he retired in 1996, General Downing was head of the U.S. Special Operations Command, in charge of the special operations forces of all the services, including the Navy's SEALs and the Army's Green Berets.

But retirement did not end General Downing's service to America. Two Presidents called him out of retirement to help them confront terrorism.

President Clinton tapped him to lead the investigation into the 1996 truck bomb attack that killed 19 U.S. servicemen and one Saudi and wounded 372 others at Khobar Towers, a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

After September 11, President Bush called General Downing out of retirement again to serve as his top counterterrorism advisor a post General Downing held for nine months.

There was not a man alive more qualified for the job.

Wayne Downing understood earlier than most the nature of the threat we face from terrorism, and he did his best to help craft a wise and effective response to that threat.

It is one of the mysteries of this life that a man who has faced such formidable foes would die from a microscopic enemy: bacterial meningitis. Family members say he died within 24 hours of contracting the illness. He was 67 years old.

I last saw General Downing on Memorial Day. He was the keynote speaker in Peoria at the dedication of a memorial to servicemembers who had died in World War I and World War II. I had the privilege of speaking at that same gathering.

When organizers of the dedication approached him about speaking, they were apologetic that they could offer him only a small stipend. Before they could finish their apology, General Downing interrupted and said it would be his honor to speak.

One of the names carved into the memorial belonged to his father.

As he rose to speak that day, it was raining. Someone tried to offer General Downing an umbrella, but he politely waved it away. He said to the crowd:

Many of you were infantry, and so was I. We didn't have umbrellas in the infantry.

He was a soldier's soldier to the end and a true patriot.

He will be missed. On behalf of the United States Senate, I would like to

extend my deepest condolences to General Downing's family, his colleagues and friends. Our nation joins you in your grief. I am honored to have known this great patriot, GEN Wayne Downing of Peoria, IL.

TRIBUTE TO DORIS G. PETERCHEFF

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I wish to honor a respected Kentuckian, Mrs. Doris G. Petercheff, for the many contributions she has made to raise the political discourse in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Doris has spent a lifetime advising and working for candidates and elected officials she believes in. She is respected for the sound judgment she offers and the solid reputation she has established. I have known Doris for many years and am glad to call her my friend.

On Thursday, July 5, 2007, the Somerset Commonwealth Journal published an article highlighting Doris's many years of service to Kentucky. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD and that the entire Senate join me in honoring this Kentuckian.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Somerset Commonwealth
Journal, July 5, 2007]

A LIFETIME DEVOTED TO THE AMERICAN WAY
(By Bill Mardis, Editor Emeritus)

"It's been a great ride!"

"That's how Doris G. Petercheff sums up her life in the political arena. In reality, her life has been molded by politics.

"I can't remember when politics was not discussed in my home," said Petercheff. "Quite frankly, it still is," she added.

"Petercheff, owner of One Acorn and Associates, a political consulting firm, is slowed by health problems, but her telephone still rings with questions about how to manage a political campaign.

"I interpret politics as people," said Petercheff. "That's one of the things we've forgotten—people. I love people. God gave me a talent in politics . . . to help people. I never had a doubt that the Lord provided me a way to work for Congressman (Tim Lee) Carter so I could help people." She was 5th District office manager for Carter for 18 years.

"Petercheff was reared in a political atmosphere. Her grandfather, Jacob N. Mayfield, owned and operated a country store in the Acorn community.

"Grandpa was a great patriot. He always displayed a large American flag at the store," Petercheff recalls.

"I thought that flag was so beautiful," she said. "I went up to Grandpa and said, 'Grandpa, what is that (flag)?' And he pulled me on his lap and told me what the flag was and how important it was.

"That was my first love of politics and my country," she remembers. "I was probably 3 or 4 years old at the time."

Mayfield was a magistrate for many years. Petercheff pointed out that those were the days before state courts were reorganized and magistrates performed many official duties such as marriages, signing birth certificates and other legal functions.

"Everybody came to the store. We were (the same as) Somerset at that time. We sold

everything you couldn't grow," Petercheff remembers. She said Ky. 1675, extending from Ky. 80 to Mt. Victory, was in those days the main route from Crab Orchard to Sublimity Springs, at that time a well-known health resort near Mt. Victory.

"Stagecoaches passed by here (on the way to Sublimity Springs)," she recalled.

"We went to Somerset on 'Burden Road,'" laughed Petercheff. "It was really (through) Burdine Valley, but we called it 'Burden Valley.'"

Petercheff is from a strong Republican family. Both her Grandpa Mayfield and Grandpa John Cottongim, a deputy sheriff from 1911 to 1916, were dyed-in-the-wool Republicans.

As a professional consultant, Petercheff would cross the political divide.

"One of my proudest times was working with (Democrat) Wallace Wilkinson in 1987," Petercheff said. She was organizational coordinator during Wilkinson's successful campaign for governor, working with the now nationally famous James Carville.

"Democrats are a different breed," she remarked. "They are more open . . . a physically touchy, feelie kind . . . they don't flout their affluence.

"I am a conservative . . . a fiscal conservative, not a social conservative," Petercheff said. "I loved matching my brains against those big consultants. It's amazing how those big national consultants (are often off base)."

"The key to success in politics, Petercheff said, is to 'get organized, make a plan and then work your plan that's how you win.'"

"On the other hand, Petercheff believes politics must be enjoyed.

"I've told clients, 'Politics is fun. If it's not fun, we won't do it.'"

But an office seeker must be dedicated to the cause. "Campaigns are hard work," she assures.

If Petercheff has a political hero, it's the late Congressman Carter.

"Tim Lee . . . he was a country doctor. His first interest and first desire was to help individual people. If Tim Lee ran across a need for which he couldn't find an answer, he would dig down in his pocket and come up with the money. And you didn't have to vote for him to get help.

"Tim Lee was the ultimate politician," she said. "He knew how to (handle) things politically to get people to do what they should do."

"Petercheff recalls that she started working for Carter in 1964 ". . . when women were not involved in politics . . . maybe they stuffed envelopes."

"But Petercheff never took a back seat. Few people have a more impressive profile of services.

"Among her positions as a volunteer, Petercheff served as chair of the Mayfield precinct for 30 years; secretary of the Pulaski County Young Republicans Club for four years; treasurer in 1970 for the State Young Republican Federation; chair in 1971 of 5th District Young Republicans; and secretary from 1972 to 1976 for the Pulaski County Republican Executive Committee.

"Also, in 1969 she served as president of the Pulaski County Republican Women's Club; from 1976 to 1978 she was chair of the 5th District Republican Party; from 1972 to 1978 she was a member, state-at-large, Republican State Central Committee; in 1966 she was campaign chair for the U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper and Tim Lee Carter; and served as campaign chair for now-Congressman Hal Rogers for state Young Republican chairman.

Also, she was campaign coordinator for Rogers in his quest for Pulaski County attorney; Pulaski County campaign and head-

quarters secretary during Louie Nunn's successful campaign for governor; 5th District coordinator for Tom Emberton for governor; and state organizational coordinator for Huda Jones's campaign for secretary of state.

"Also, state campaign primary coordinator for Gerald Ford for president of the United States; state campaign manager for Hal Rogers for lieutenant governor; 5th District campaign coordinator for Ronald Reagan, (Senior) George Bush, Mitch McConnell and Rogers; 5th District coordinator for Jim Bunning for governor; and 5th District campaign manager for Hal Rogers for Congress in 1980, 1982 and 1984.

"Petercheff has served in some position in every state, district and local election since 1962. She started One Acorn and Associates in 1984 with several stockholders. In April 1986, she became the sole owner and operator of One Acorn. Her list of clients is like a "who's who" in local, state and national politics.

"Like many Pulaski Countians, to make a living, Petercheff's family—her father, Thomas O. Cottongim, and her mother, Mary Iva Mayfield Cottongim—left their home in Acorn in 1941 and moved to Indianapolis. She went to high school in the Indiana city and married her high school sweetheart, Jimmy Petercheff, now deceased.

"She and Jimmy returned to Pulaski County in 1959 and took over operation of the family's general store, originally known as J.N. Mayfield Mercantile and later Acorn Mercantile.

"They closed the store in 1967. "I had gone to work for Dr. Carter and we had to hire somebody to run the store," Petercheff said.

"Doris and Jimmy have four sons, 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She admits to encouraging her children to be politically active.

"The Petercheff house at 4845 Highway 1675 at Acorn has a large "P" on the chimney, apparently for identification. But it's not needed. Doris Petercheff is a household name in Somerset, Pulaski County, Kentucky and the nation.

"As she so eloquently said: "It's been a great ride!"

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MAJOR MICHAEL TAYLOR

FIRST SERGEANT TOM WARREN

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JOHN GARY BROWN

Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I rise to recognize three Arkansians who served our country with dignity and honor and gave their lives to our country in Iraq: MAJ Michael Taylor, 1SG Tom Warren, and Army SFC John Gary Brown. They will be remembered by their friends and family as men who lived lives full of passion and love. Their Nation will remember them as men who dedicated themselves to protection of our freedom.

Michael Taylor's father-in-law described him as "a good guy" with a personality that attracted everyone to him since his childhood days in North Little Rock. As a National Guardsman, who worked at the Veterans' Administration, he soon learned that his true passion was in flying. He had spent a lot of time working with computers, and the relationship between modern helicopters and computers gave him a leg up when it came time to enter flight school. He retired from the VA

to become a pilot with the Arkansas National Guard flying Black Hawk helicopters. Taylor eventually reached the Bravo Company's top position and commanded the company.

The second member of the flight team was First Sergeant Tom Warren. 1st Sgt. Warren grew up in Jacksonville, AR, near Camp Robinson. He attended North Little Rock High School in 1976 and married his wife Doris on January 17, 1983. He raised five children and throughout his life was very active in church. He was a Mason, including being past master at his lodge in Levy, which was the same position his father had held. He also served as deacon at Lifehouse Christian Fellowship, where he was an active member. Outside of church, Warren loved to golf, but nothing besides his family could match his love for aviation. Warren reached the position of first sergeant, making him the top ranked enlisted soldier in the company.

Gary Brown hailed from the small town of Nashville, AR. He was born and raised there and attended Nashville High School, where he was on the track team. He graduated in 1982 and spent a year at Ouachita Baptist University. During his time in Little Rock, he was a member of Agape Church and was active in the church's children's bus ministry and men's Bible study. His twin brother said that everything Brown did in his life meant something to him, whether it was easy or hard, and he could always be found with a smile on his face.

To him, serving his country meant something, and he served for 20 years in the National Guard. Most recently Brown was the crew chief of the Arkansas National Guard's 77th Aviation Brigade. He pursued perfection and was truly dedicated to his job.

The UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter that First Sergeant Warren flew was what he called a limousine service. They ferried others around Iraq as part of "Task Force Dragon," but they became known as the "Catfish Air." Serving their fellow soldiers, these men risked their lives every day to make sure people got to and from dangerous areas as safely as possible.

Tragically these three men's lives intertwined on January 20, 2007, when their helicopter crashed in the area northeast of Baghdad in one of the deadliest moments of the war for our National Guard. I offer my condolences to their families, and I pray that they can find comfort in the knowledge that these three men died serving others and doing what they loved on behalf of a grateful Nation. My thoughts and prayers go out to the many people whose lives were touched by these men.

SPECIALIST JEREMY STACEY

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRUCE SALAZAR

Madam President, it is with great sadness that I also rise to honor two young men with Arkansas ties who died on back-to-back days during the July 4 recess. Specialist Jeremy L. Stacey was killed on July 5 by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, and Army PFC